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## **Small Business Administration to Conduct Regulatory Fairness Roundtables Across Rhode Island**

**Providence, RI** – The U.S. Small Business Administration will conduct a series of roundtable meetings across Rhode Island to discuss federal regulatory fairness issues and their impact on the state's small business community. These sessions will be hosted at chambers of commerce in March and will be chaired by State Senator Leo R. Blais, who is the Rhode Island member of the SBA Regulatory Fairness Board.

Small business owners who have been affected by federal regulatory enforcement are invited to attend and present oral testimony or submit written comments to Senator Blais, who will then present them to a full Regulatory Fairness Board hearing scheduled in Stamford, Connecticut on March 25.

The Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board rates federal agency enforcement fairness, reports to Congress, and receives comments from small business owners who feel they have been treated unfairly in the regulatory enforcement process. Each of the 10 regional Regulatory Fairness Boards around the country is comprised of five members and serves as a resource and point of contact for small business owners who feel they have experienced excessive federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions.

The dates and locations for the roundtable meetings are:

Tuesday March 2, 10:00 a.m. – Newport County Chamber of Commerce, 45 Valley Road, Middletown, RI;  
Wednesday, March 3, 8:30 a.m. – Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce, 1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI; Wednesday, March 3, 12:00 p.m. – Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, 6 Blackstone Valley Place, Suite 301, Lincoln, RI; Tuesday, March 9, 8:00 a.m. – Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, 30 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI; Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. – Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, 3280 Post Road, Warwick, RI.

Registration for the roundtables may be made online by visiting [www.sba.gov/ri](http://www.sba.gov/ri), and then selecting the *Online Seminar Registrations* link, or by calling the SBA Rhode Island District Office at (401) 528-4561. Comments may also be submitted in writing to: RegFair Board, U.S. Small Business Administration, 380 Westminister Street, Room 511, Providence, RI 02903. Written comments must be received no later than Friday, March 12.